

REMARKS

Claims 1 to 24 are pending. Claim 24 is new.

Claims 1 to 22 are allowed.

1. The examiner believes the declaration filed with the application is defective because it does not identify the citizenship of each inventor. The applicants respectfully disagree. In fact, the declaration indicates that both of the inventors, Yves Desarzens and Andre Lechot, are Swiss citizens. That is by use of the designation "CH" on the citizenship lines next to their respective signatures. It is noted that the designation "CH" is universally understood as the country code for Switzerland.

2. Claim 23 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph. The indefinite language noted in this claim by the examiner has been amended.

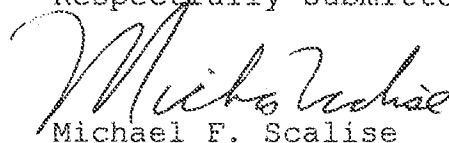
Reconsideration of this rejection is requested.

3. Claims 1 to 23 are rejected on the ground of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1 to 15 of U.S. Patent No. 7,326,198. A Terminal Disclaimer in favor of U.S. Patent No. 7,326,198 is filed herewith.

Reconsideration of this rejection is requested.

It is believed that claims 1 to 24 are now in condition for allowance. A Notice of Allowance is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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